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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the two-year extension of the UNFPA country programme for Botswana.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves six-month extensions and first one-year extensions of country programmes, while all other requests for extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to aprove the two-year extension of the country programme for Botswana, as indicated in the attached table.

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Table. Country programme extension to be approved by the Executive Board

Country	Original programme period	Years proposed for extension	Explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation or other issues
Botswana	2010-2014	2015-2016	The current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) is a seven-year framework (2010-2016) wheras the United Nations Programme Operational Plan only covers the first five years (2010-2014). The Government of Botswana and the United Nations country team therefore agreed to extend the United Nations Programme Operational Plan by two years, through 2016, to align it with the National Development Plan and the UNDAF.	The United Nations organizations have experienced difficulties in attracting sufficient donor support for Botswana as an upper-middle-income country. This has affected the scale of programming in the country . In response, the United Nations country team has developed a joint resource mobilization strategy, with resource mobilization initiatives targeting regional organizations, the host Government and the private sector.	During the extension period, UNFPA will support the Government in: (a) transitioning the pilot project, Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Linkages, to a national programme; and (b) delivering comprehensive sexuality education programmes. Furthermore, UNFPA will lead the implementation of the United Nations joint programme on gender-based violence and gender mainstreaming, and will conduct research on demographic dividend.